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Enclosed are:

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- ☒ An assignment of the invention - \$40.00 Recording Fee
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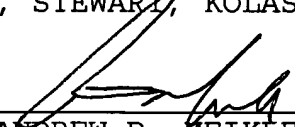
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